

SENATE BILL 546

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, relative to postsecondary education institutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following new sections thereto:

49-7-2021. No postsecondary education institution authorized under this part shall use the word "college" in its name unless the institution has been approved by an accrediting body recognized by the United States department of education to offer specialized or academic degree level programs.

49-7-2022. A postsecondary education institution authorized under this part may enroll students who do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent in programs that provide training for a profession or trade that does not require a high school diploma or its equivalent to obtain a certificate, license, or other such credential in the practice of such profession or trade.

49-7-2023. The Tennessee higher education commission shall study annually the fees assessed for its regulatory activities over postsecondary education institutions authorized under this part and shall report:

- (1) Its budget for such activities;
- (2) The fees currently being charged covered schools;
- (3) Any revenues collected in excess of each year's budgeted regulatory activities; and
- (4) Its schedule for rebating to covered schools excess funds collected.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.